

CREDITON
RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

1921.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT

FOR

Year ending December 31st, 1921.

To the Members of the Crediton Rural
District Council.

GENTLEMEN,

The Minister of Health wishes to have a full Survey Report once in five years, and only a short one in the intervening years. The one for 1921 has to contain the following particulars :

1. GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area 93,508 Acres; Population 9980; Number of Inhabited Houses : have not got the return for this year; Number of Families or separate Occupiers : practically no houses in double occupation; Rateable Value £69,320; Sum represented by a Penny Rate £289.

2. EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS
OF THE YEAR.

	M.	F.	Total	
BIRTHS { Legitimate	94	75	169	Birth Rate (R.G.) 17.8
Illegitimate	6	3	9	
DEATHS	60	66	126	Death Rate (R.G.) 12.6
The Births for England and Wales is 22.4				
Deaths	"	"	12.1	
No of Women dying in, or in consequence of, childbirth	-	-	{ " other causes 0	0
Deaths of Infants under one year of age	{ Legitimate	2 m., 4 f.		
	Illegitimate	1 "		

Rate 39.3 per 1,000 births.

Death Rate for England being 83 per 1000.

Deaths from Measles	...	...	...	0
" Whooping Cough	...	...	...	1
" Diarrhoea (under two years of age)	...	...	...	1
" Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	0
" Diphtheria	...	...	...	0

3. NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

Diphtheria 11; 5 sent to Sanatorium; Deaths 0
 Scarlet Fever 12; 1 " " 0

Tuberculosis :—

(a) Pulmonary	...	M	...	...	10
		F	...	...	9
		Total	...	...	19
(b) Non-Pulmonary	...	M	...	...	5
		F	...	...	3
		Total	...	...	8

I think that the efficiency of the notification of Tuberculosis is quite satisfactory, as I have not come across a case that has not been notified. The houses are disinfected after death or removal.

Ophthalmia Neonato- rum	Cases			Vision Un- impaired	Vision impaired	Total Blindness	Deaths				
	Noti- fied	Treated									
		Home	Hospital								
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4. CAUSES OF SICKNESS.

One Sub-District had several cases of Diphtheria, but it soon subsided.

5. NURSING ARRANGEMENTS

Practically the whole of the District is covered by Nurses, who act as Midwives.

MIDWIVES : One as a Midwife only, rest combined Midwifery and Nursing.

CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES.

1. *Maternity and Child Welfare Centres* : One at Crediton.
2. *Day Nurseries* : None.
3. *School Clinics* :
4. *Tuberculosis and Venereal Diseases* : Go to Exeter and Barnstaple.

HOSPITALS.

There are none in the District. Infectious cases are sent to the Exeter Isolation Hospital.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

- (a) For Infectious Cases.
- (b) For Non-infectious Cases and Accidents.

None in the District, but procured from outside if required.

6. LABORATORY WORK.

Pathological specimens for poor people sent to Devon County Council.

Diphtheria Anti-toxin provided by the Rural District Council through the M.O.H. for poor people.

**7. REGULAR INSPECTION OF PLACES WHERE
FOOD IS PREPARED, AND SLAUGHTER-HOUSES**

Neither registered or licenced.

8. ARRANGEMENTS FOR DISINFECTION.

Sanitary Inspector disinfects after all notifiable diseases, including Tubercle.

9. HOUSING.

Number of New Houses erected during the year :—

(a) Six.

(b) Others under construction as part of N.H.S.

1. *Unfit Dwelling Houses.*

Inspection—Total number inspected
for housing defects ... 50

Number of dwelling houses inspected
and recorded under the Housing
(Inspection of District) Regula-
tions, 1910 0

Number of houses found to be in state
unfit for human habitation ... 2

Number of dwelling houses found not
to be in all respects reasonably
fit for human habitation ... 40

2. *Remedy of defects without formal notice.*

Number of defective dwelling houses
rendered fit in consequence of
informal action by the Local
Authority or their Officers ... Several

3. *Action under Statutory Powers.*

(A) Proceedings under section 28 of the Housing, Town Planning, &c. Act, 1919—

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	...	7
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(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit—		
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(a) by Owners	5
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(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners...	...	0
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(3) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declarations by Owners of intention to close	2
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(B) Proceedings under Public Health Acts—

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	6
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(2) Number of dwelling houses in
which defects were remedied—

(a) By Owners 4

(b) By Local Authority in de-
fault of Owners 0

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

L. POWNE, M.O.H.
